



Lithuania

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Future of Ukraine

Create Ukraine: Returning global talent to build Ukraine's public sector



Ukraine needs its brightest minds now more than ever. This program provides a structured pathway for young professionals abroad to return, lead, serve, and shape a future in Europe. Lithuania is honored to stand beside them - not just as a donor, but as a partner in transformation.

Kęstutis Budrys
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania



Over **1.3 million** highly educated young Ukrainians live abroad.

Many are ready to return and contribute - despite the ongoing war.

Create Ukraine provides structured, impactful return pathways into Ukraine's public service.

Create Ukraine: approach and impact

Create Ukraine provides a structured, results-driven pathway for international Ukrainian professionals to return and work inside public institutions. Based on Create Lithuania model, it combines project-based placements with mentoring and capacity building to ensure real institutional impact – not just individual experience.

Key objectives



Return and reintegration of young talents

Attract and reintegrate Ukrainian professionals with international experience into Ukraine's public institutions through structured, project-based placements, combined with tailored training and mentoring to support their adaptation and impact.



Strengthen institutional capacity

Embed professionals in ministries and government agencies to implement EU accession priorities and high-impact national reform projects.

Behind the project

Lithuanian Government and Central Project Management Agency

Implementation

Create Lithuania (Lithuania)

Model transfer and mentorship

Kyiv School of Economics

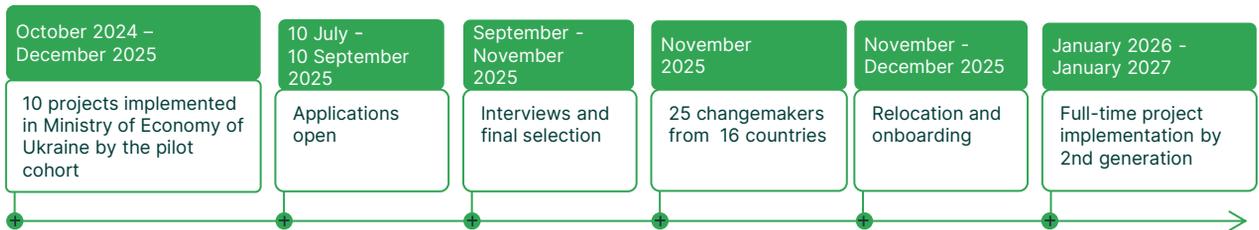
Implementing partner in Ukraine

STRATA – Government Strategic Analysis Center (Lithuania)

Independent monitoring and evaluation

From pilot to flagship programme: 2024-2027

For 14 months, Create Ukraine pilot teams embedded in Ukrainian ministries delivered **30+ initiatives** to strengthen economy, institutions, and international standing. From shaping **major investment agreements** and coordinating **URC2025** to driving global campaigns and advancing **European integration**. Their work attracted over **100 investment projects**, facilitated **\$15B in commitments**, and amplified **Ukraine's voice** on the world stage.



Let's scale together

We invite international donors to shape the next phase.

Lithuania has committed **€3 million** to support the return of 75 professionals.

With your support, we aim to reintegrate **250 - 300** highly qualified Ukrainians by 2027 across **key public institutions**.



Cost per participant
~ **€40,000/year**



Total expansion target
€10 million



Your contribution will:

- Accelerate Ukraine's EU accession by embedding internationally experienced talents;
- Build a results-driven, transparent public sector;
- Send a powerful signal to the global Ukrainian community: returning home matters.

Let's invest in people. Let's shape Ukraine's future together.

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